

WEATHER permitting Brother "Guba" is going to Macao on Sunday, having worked his passage this morning by the skill of his good right arm. Uncle Bellyloss, kindly note!

Knife," at the St. James's Theatre, London, fifteen years ago. And a very clever actress, Alice Austing, was in the old day. If we mistake not she was one of the original cast of "The Ticket-of-Leave Man" at the Olympic.

honorably magistrates in whom the people chiefly concerned have confidence born of knowledge. It is only an extension of the principle by which a mayor—who is in some instances

the direct choice, and in all cases indirectly the representative of the ratepayer—is *ex officio* magistrate. At present the governmental power nominating J. P.s is a mere political bribe to party jackals. It is but a matter of progressive development to recognise the popular election of judges, subject, necessarily, to a certain status of qualifications in each candidate. The public judgment in these matters could not collectively

public revision would keep their Honors whole-
somely up to the mark.

THE fancy bazaar to be held next Sunday (St. Anthony's feast day) at Macao will be for the benefit of a most deserving object, which should command itself to all, no matter whether professing Roman Catholic or Protestant faith. It is the noble cause of charity. In the asylum at Macao for destitute women and children, under charge of the Canoness Sisters, there are at present some twenty aged and infirm women, besides about one hundred and forty children— forsaken by their parents and who are being brought up by this admirable institution. The Asylum is in need of funds and this fancy bazaar has been organised under the auspices of the leading ladies of Macao, including Senhora Amelia Cello de Boja, wife of his Excellency the Governor, to provide funds that are badly needed for a good work. We trust that every one of the visitors to Macao on Sunday will contribute his mite, however small, towards alleviating the sufferings of so many fellow creatures in dire distress.

TO IMPERIAL B'LLY.

Wilhelm Kaiser,
 Man desplacer,
 How I wish it were my lot
 To be blessed
 And contented with
 All the wisdom you have got.
 Imperator,
 There's no greater
 Ruler sitting on a throne;
 In the mighty
 Rather flighty
 World of kings you stand alone.
 Kings are silly,
 But you, Billy,
 On all knowledge have the call,
 Tell me, Caesar,
 If you please, sir,
 How you came to know it all?
 —N. Y. Sun.

HONGKONG IN 1892.

FIFTY YEARS OF DESPOTIC RULE.

"What is the condition of Hongkong subsequent to fifty years of despotic, unconstitutional rule?" is a question, which scarce one of the self-seeking hangers-on of the Government could answer in a manner satisfactory to his own conscience and that of the despotic individual who, unhappily, for the hapless residents of the "Isle

of Fragrant Streams," has swayed the sceptre of authority in the Colony for so many long and eventful years. *Magna est Veritas et prevalebit* is a maxim verified in respect to this colony, and the truth may as well be exposed to the gaze of the world to-day as at any other time. In fact, it is; indeed, necessary that this subject should be dealt with in a fearless manner and promptly for there can be but little doubt that there is some prospect of Hongkong finding itself in the throes of a grave constitutional crisis at no very distant date; that is, if Mr. T. H. Whitehead

On that occasion Mr. Whitehead said:—
 "A official majority invariably tends to
 arbitrary rule, undue resistance and occasional
 protest from the Unofficial minority. These
 hurried legislation in question undoubtedly
 caused friction, but we rejoice to find that during
 the short period your Excellency has been here
 we have had repeated proofs of your desire to
 meet the wishes of the public. The Colonists

therefore, with every reason, look forward to good results from your rule, but if I may be allowed to offer a suggestion, I think a majority of Unofficial members would be a further advantage to the colony. I therefore venture to sincerely hope that before your Governorship has expired your Excellency will have secured for Hongkong what our late lamented Governor and staunch

friend Sir John Pope Hennessy obtained for Mauritius, namely a majority of Unofficial members in the Legislative Council. Mauritius is not the only British Crown colony so favored. The other day British Honduras received a majority of Unofficial members in its legislation assembly. If Mauritius and British Honduras are so trusted, surely this loyal colony is fairly entitled to similar consideration. Should your Excellency not be disposed to concede a majority of Unofficial members to Mauritius?

let the number of the Official and Unofficial members be equal, and all the Unofficial members elected by the popular voice, and not as at present mostly by Government nomination." And his Excellency, the Governor, replied:—"I don't think I will enter into any debatable matter just now, but simply thank the unofficial members for the confidence they have reposed in me."

me, and assure them they will not need it and be misapplied." This, we take it, means that Sir William Robinson will, when forwarding the report of the proceedings to Lord Kintford, recommend that some concession be made to the ratepayers of this hitherto ill-governed (because over governed) outpost of a mighty empire - "compassed by th' inviolate sea." But it is highly probable that the Secretary of State, ignoring as usual the "writing on the wall," will take the usual course and after weeks

will enable our old friends to get on their feet. It is pleased to consider the evil day (any assumption of the hands of red-tape that encircle this colony) as the other so-called dependencies of the British Crown is regarded. Downing Street as "deeply regrettable and something to be avoided and fought against tooth-and-nail" for another decade at least. Now we are firmly convinced that the state of affairs in this colony and the manner in which public funds have been recklessly squandered is the pit by a number of independent and traitors. Downing Street

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